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**TO:** All Circuit and Family Division Judges  
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**SUBJ:** SCAO Administrative Memorandum 2005-07  
Absent Parent Protocol

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The State Court Administrative Office, Child Welfare Services Division, has updated the [Absent Parent Protocol](#). The focus of the protocol is encouraging early attention to the issue of absent parents in child protective proceedings. Training and consultation is available for courts interested in bringing together a local interdisciplinary team to assess current local practice and explore ways to improve efforts to locate absent parents. Contact Michael Foley, Deputy Director of Child Welfare Services, at [foleym@courts.mi.gov](mailto:foleym@courts.mi.gov) or 517-373-1956 for further information or assistance.